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## **SERGEANT FIRST CLASS RYAN J. SAVARD**

**Died October 12, 2012**  
**Operation Enduring Freedom**

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Sgt. 1st Class Ryan J. Savard was born on Feb. 27, 1983 in Salt Lake City, Utah and graduated in 2001 from Buena High School in Sierra Vista, Ariz.

He first entered the U.S. Army as a Helicopter Repairer on Aug. 29, 2001 and after completion of Initial Entry Training he was assigned to Bravo Company, 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 159<sup>th</sup> Aviation in Gieblstadt, Germany where he served for two years as a UH-60 Repairman. While assigned to the 159<sup>th</sup> Aviation, Savard deployed once to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In June 2004, Savard attended and graduated from the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School to become a Special Forces weapons sergeant. Upon graduating from the Special Forces Qualification Course, Savard was assigned to Company A, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C., where he served as a Special Forces Company Assistant Operations Sergeant and a Special Forces weapons sergeant. In 2008, Savard was assigned to Operations Detachment Group Support Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> SFG (A) where he served as a Senior Special Forces weapons sergeant. While assigned to 3rd SFG (A), Savard deployed three times to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom.



Savard was assigned in May 2010 as a Special Operations Team Member, U.S. Army Special Operations Command. For over two years he performed this duty, deploying twice in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Savard completed numerous military courses while serving in the U.S. Army to include the Warrior Leader Course, Basic Airborne Course, Survival Evasion Resistance Escape High Risk Survival Course, Special Forces Qualification Course, Advanced Leader Course, Special Operations Weapons Sergeant Course, Special Operations Language Training-French, Special Operations Target Interdiction Course, ULLS-A Course, Ranger Course, Special Forces Advanced Reconnaissance Target Exploitation Course, Advanced Land Navigation Course, Free Fall Parachutist Course, Senior Leader Course, and the Static Line Jumpmaster Course.

Savard's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (2<sup>nd</sup> Award), Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> Award), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> Award), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, U.S. Army

Good Conduct Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> Award), National Defense Service Ribbon, Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 4 Bronze Service Stars, Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with numeral 3, U.S. Army Service Ribbon, U.S. Army Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral 2, NATO Medal with Bronze Service Star, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman Badge, Aviation Badge, Military Free Fall Parachutist Badge, Parachutist Badge, and five Overseas Service Bars.

Savard was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal (3<sup>rd</sup> Award), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Purple Heart.

Savard is survived by his spouse, Kayla Savard and parents Garrett and Marie Savard.

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